

The easy way is to believe the truth, God's Word; then you don't have to learn the hard way.



GOD GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE EASY WAY by obeying what we're told, even if we don't always know why. But if we insist on learning the hard way, God is a good Father and in His love and wisdom He will let us learn by our mistakes.

God allowed Adam and Eve to go ahead and disobey so they would learn by bitter experience what they wouldn't learn the easy way, by being told, by the Word. When they went ahead and ate the fruit of the forbidden tree, God had to apply the rod—and we've been suffering for it ever since (Genesis chapter 3; Romans 5:12). But through Adam and Eve's bitter experience, all their descendants, including us, have learned the rewards of obedience and the consequences of disobedience.

“All things work together for good to those who love God” (Romans 8:28). Even our mistakes are profitable as long as we learn from them. We don't very easily forget the lessons we learn that way, but how much easier and better to follow the path of obedience to the truth of God's Word!